

In the Specification:

Please make the following changes at the indicated page and line number in the specification:

Page 1, between the title and line 1 of the first paragraph, please insert:

CROSS-REFERENCE

This is the U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP 03/05021, filed May 14, 2003, which, in turn, claims the benefit of priority of invention based on DE 102 27 238.7, filed June 19, 2002 in Germany.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, first paragraph, please make the following changes:

The subject matter of the present invention includes ~~relates to~~ cosmetic agents comprising two components covalently linked to each other and having functions that differ from one another, the first component being a peptidic linker molecule with high affinity or binding specificity for keratin-containing material and the second component being at least one cosmetic agent consisting of at least one cosmetically active compound known per se or a cosmetic effector molecule for the cosmetic treatment of keratin-containing material.

Page 2, between the first full paragraph (beginning “Such methods..”) and the second full paragraph (beginning “The object...”), please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, third full paragraph (starting “According to...”), please make the following changes:

~~According to Claim 1, this object is reached~~ This object is attained by providing a high-affinity cosmetic agent comprising two components that are covalently linked to each other and have functions that differ from one another, the first component being a peptidic linker molecule with high affinity or binding specificity for keratin-containing material, and the second component being at least one cosmetic agent consisting of at least one known organic cosmetically active compound or an organic cosmetically active effector molecule.

Page 5, between the fourth line of text (starting “known chemical...”) and the fifth line of text (starting “Preferred peptidic), please insert the following heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Pages 16 to 17, in the paragraph (starting “To the agent...”) running from page 16 to page 17, please make the following changes:

To the agent of the invention may be added other substances, auxiliary agents and additives not attached to the peptidic linker, for example those commonly used for cosmetic products in general. Such materials include, for example, thickeners (for example clays, starches, polyacrylic acid and the derivatives thereof, cellulose derivatives or alginates), further hair and skin care materials (such as sugars, proteins, lanolin derivatives, vitamins or provitamins, e.g. biotin vitamin C, tocopherol or D-panthenol), antigrease agents, inorganic or organic

acids (for example lactic acid, citric acid, glycolic acid or phosphoric acid), preservatives (for example para-hydroxybenzoate esters), nonaqueous solvents, antioxidants (for example tocopherols or the esters thereof), dyes and fragrances or perfumes, UV light-absorbing inorganic particles or pigments or micropigments, particularly metal compounds or semimetallic compounds in ionic, nonionic or oxidized form. The pigments can be in this form either individually or in admixture or as individual mixed oxides or mixtures thereof, including mixtures of mixed oxides and pure oxides. Examples are the titanium oxides (for example TiO_2), zinc oxides (for example ZnO), aluminum oxides (for example Al_2O_3), iron oxides (for example Fe_2O_3), manganese oxides (for example MnO), silicon oxides (for example SiO_2), silicates, cerium oxide, zirconium oxides (for example ZrO_2), barium sulfate (BaSO_4) or mixtures thereof. Suitable pigments or micropigments are commercially available. An example is Hombitec® L5 (INCI name: titanium dioxide~~-dioxides~~) supplied by Merck.

Page 17, last paragraph, please make the following changes in this paragraph:

The cosmetic agents of the invention can be in the form of different formulations known for cosmetic skin and hair products. For example, they can be in the form of shampoos, lotions, rinses, dispersions, emulsions, gels, cream gels, creams, suspensions ~~lotions [sic], suspensions~~, sprays, aerosols or foams.

Page 18, above the first line of text, please insert the following heading:

EXAMPLES